

Amendment in Response to July 21, 2005 Office Action
Application No. 10/825,766
Docket No. 7226-208

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended) A method for providing musculo-skeletal support, which comprises the steps of:

(a) wrapping a stretchable, supportive laminate wrap around a portion of a body in need of musculo-skeletal support, wherein the laminate wrap comprises a first layer of a silicone gel [[,]
~~said first layer having a skin contacting surface, said silicone gel being laminated to and an adhesion surface opposite the skin contacting surface;~~ and second layer of an elastic and supportive carrier[,,]
~~said second layer having an outer surface and an opposite adhesion surface bonded to the adhesion surface of the first layer to form a continuous two-ply composite;~~ wherein said carrier is comprising the stretchable loop portion of a hook and loop fastener, said loop portion having a loop surface and an opposite adhesion surface laminate wrap forming an integrated structure capable of elasticity sufficient to provide compression against a body surface without substantial fragmentation of said silicone gel;

- (b) stretching the laminate wrap around the portion to be supported; and
- (c) securing the laminate wrap in a closed position with one or more closure strips.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein the gel layer is a silicone gel.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein the stretchable elastic carrier has a modulus of elasticity of about 50%.

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Claim 10 (currently amended) A method for providing musculo-skeletal support, which comprises the steps of:

- (a) wrapping a stretchable, supportive laminate wrap around a portion of a body in need of musculo-skeletal support, wherein the laminate wrap comprises a gel layer having a skin contacting surface, said silicone gel being laminated to and an opposite adhesion surface and a an stretchable elastic carrier layer having comprising a the loop portion of a hook and loop fastener, surface and an opposite adhesion surface, with the adhesion surfaces being bonded together to form the wrap said laminate wrap forming an integrated structure capable of elasticity sufficient to provide compression against a body surface without substantial fragmentation of said gel;
- (b) stretching the laminate wrap around the portion to be supported; and
- (c) securing the laminate wrap in a closed position with one or more closure strips; wherein the closure strip is the hook portion of a hook and loop fastener.

Claim 11 (currently amended) A method for providing a skin treatment, which comprises the steps of:

- (a) wrapping a stretchable, supportive laminate wrap around a portion of a body having skin in need of treatment, wherein the laminate wrap comprises a gel layer having a skin contacting surface, said silicone gel being laminated to and an opposite adhesion surface and a an stretchable elastic carrier layer having comprising a the loop portion of a hook and loop fastener, surface and an opposite adhesion surface, with the adhesion surfaces bonded together to form the wrap said laminate wrap forming an integrated structure capable of elasticity sufficient to provide compression against a body surface without substantial fragmentation of said gel;
- (b) stretching the laminate wrap around the portion of the body to be treated; and
- (c) securing the laminate wrap in a closed position with one or more closure strips.

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Claim 12 (currently amended) The method of Claim 11, wherein the gel layer is a silicone gel.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (previously presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein the carrier has a modulus of elasticity of about 50%.

Claim 15 (previously presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein the closure strip is the hook portion of a hook and loop fastener.

Claims 16-27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (currently amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein the laminate wrap is a bandage for a joint or a muscle.

Claim 29 (previously presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein the joint is a knee, an ankle, a wrist, or an elbow.

Claim 30 (previously presented) The method of Claim 29, for use in the treatment of carpal tunnel syndrome.

Claim 31 (previously presented) The method of Claim 29, for use in the treatment of arthritis.

Claim 32 (previously presented) The method of Claim 29, for use in the treatment of tennis elbow.

Claim 33 (previously presented) The method of Claim 28, for use in a veterinary application.

Claim 34 (previously presented) The method of Claim 6, wherein the silicone gel is a cured polydiorganosiloxane resin.

Claim 35 (currently amended) The method of Claim 34, wherein the gel layer contains an additive.

Claim 36 (previously presented) The method of Claim 35, wherein the additive is a topical medication or an emollient.

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Claim 37 (previously presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein the closure strip is approximately the width of the bandage.

Claim 38 (currently amended) The method of Claim 11, wherein the laminate wrap is a bandage and wherein the skin treatment reduces the appearance of scarring.

Claim 39 (previously presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein the silicone gel is a cured polydiorganosiloxane resin.

Claim 40 (previously presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein the gel contains an additive.

Claim 41 (previously presented) The method of Claim 40, wherein the additive is a topical medication or an emollient.

Claim 42 (previously presented) The method of Claim 38, wherein the closure strip is approximately the width of the bandage.